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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY PRESIDENT SADAT AND SECRETARY VANCE AFTER THEIR MEETING TUESDAY EVENING AUGUST 2.. MEETING BEGAN WITH BRIEF OPENING STATEMENT QUOTE:

VANCE: THIS HAS BEEN A VERY FRUITFUL EXPERIENCE FOR ME. I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT ON TWO OCCASIONS FOR INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS AND CONTINUED THOSE INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER THIS MORNING. THIS HAS BEEN MOST USEFUL TO ME IN DEVELOPING FURTHER THOUGHTS ON HOW THE ISSUES CAN BE NARROWED AS WE PURSUE THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. I HAVE BENEFITTED, AS I HAVE SAID, GREATLY FROM THESE MEETINGS, AND NOW LOOK FORWARD TO GOING ON TO MEET WITH THE LEADERS OF THE OTHER PARTIES IN AN EFFORT TO FURTHER NARROW THE ISSUES AND PREPARE THE GROUNDWORK FOR AN EARLY RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA MEETING.

SADAT: WELL, REALLY IT HAS BEEN GREAT OCCASION FOR ME TO MEET AGAIN WITH THE SECRETARY VANCE.

YESTERDAY AND TODAY WE HAVE HAD A THOROUGH SURVEY OF THE WHOLE PROBLEM AND I MUST SAY THIS, WE ARE REALLY IN A CRUCIAL MOMENT BECAUSE IN MY VIEW THERE HAS BEEN NO OPPORTUNITY IN THE LAST 30 YEARS WHICH WERE AGREEABLE LIKE IT IS NOW TO ESTABLISH PEACE IN THE AREA.

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YET, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT WE MAY HAVE DIFFERED ON CERTAIN ISSUES BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT BOTH OF US WE ARE SEEKING PEACE BUILT ON JUSTICE. I HOPE WE KEEP IN CONSTANT CONTACT IN THE FUTURE, AND I HAVE ASKED ALSO SECRETARY VANCE TO FORM THIS WORKING GROUP THAT I HAVE ALREADY SUGGESTED DURING MY VISIT TO THE STATES LAST APRIL, SO THAT THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE COULD BE, I MEAN, FRUITFUL AND EFFECTIVE IN BRINGING OUT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA. I MUST EXPRESS MY, REALLY, GRATITUDE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO SEND SECRETARY VANCE TO WORK ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE ON OUR AREA AND THE CALIBER OF SECRETARY VANCE HIMSELF IS THE TRANSLATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE UNITED STATES. I HOPE TO SEE SECRETARY VANCE AGAIN AND AGAIN. I THINK WE SHALL BE MEETING AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND I HOPE HIM ALL THE BEST WISHES AND THE SUCCESS IN HIS MISSION THANK YOU.

QUESTION (KALB); MR. PRESIDENT MR. SECRETARY I WONDER IF ON THE BASIS OF YOUR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS DURING THESE TWO MEETINGS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE WITH US YOUR ESTIMATES OF THE PROBABILITIES OF A GENEVA

CONFERENCE BEING HELD LATER YEAR?

VANCE: I THINK IT IS NOT WISE TO TRY AND PICK ANY PRECISE DATES AND SPECULATE WITH RESPECT TO WHEN PRECISELY A GENEVA CONFERENCE MIGHT BE HELD. LET ME SAY I VERY MUCH WELCOME THE EXCELLENT SUGGESTION WHICH PRESIDENT SADAT HAS MADE TO CALL TOGETHER IN A WORKING GROUP THE PARTIES TO SIT DOWN AND TRY AND DEVELOP THE FURTHER WORK THAT IS REQUIRED. I WILL BE TALKING TO THE OTHER PARTIES ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUGGESTION AND WOULD HOPE THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO SET UP SUCH A WORKING GROUP IN THE UNITED STATES AROUND MID-SEPTEMBER.

SADAT: IN MY IDEA REALLY IT IS THE PREPARATION FOR GENEVA THAT WE SHOULD SEEK NOW OR WORK FOR, BECAUSE UNCLASSIFIED

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WITHOUT GOOD PREPARATION-- I FEAR-- GENEVA COULD BE ANYTHING OR IT MAY BE USEFUL NOT TO CONVENE AT ALL IF THERE IS NO GOOD PREPARATION. FOR THAT I HAVE URGED SECRETARY VANCE FOR THIS WORKING GROUP UNDER HIM TO START CONTACTING ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

Q. (INAUDIBLE).... WHAT ARE THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO BE PART OF THIS CONFERENCE.

VANCE THE PARTIES CONCERNED ARE THE CONFRONTATION STATES.

Q: MR. SECRETARY DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE FORMATION OF THE WORKING GROUP IMPLIES THAT THERE WILL BE A GENEVA CONFERENCE OR IS THE FUTURE OF GENEVA STILL IN DOUBT?

VANCE: WE WOULD HOPE VERY MUCH THAT THERE WILL BE A GENEVA CONFERENCE. AS I INDICATED EARLIER, ALL OF THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE A GENEVA CONFERENCE. BUT, AS PRESIDENT SADAT HAS SAID, IT'S IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE WITH THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS FOR THAT CONFERENCE AND THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE WORKING GROUP.

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Q: IS IT POSSIBLE -- TO GET THE REVERSE INTERPRE-
TATION -- THE FORMATION OF A WORKING GROUP SUGGESTS THAT
YOU CAN'T MEET YOUR DEADLINE FOR AN OCTOBER GENEVA
CONFERENCE. ID IT ANOTHER WAY OF CONTINUING THE PROCESS
BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GET TO GENEVA WHEN YOU'D LIKE TO?

VANCE: THERE IS NO DEADLINE OF OCTOBER. A GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL, WE HOPE, RESULT THIS FALL, BUT WE FEEL NO SELF-IMPOSED DEADLINE OF OCTOBER.

Q: MR. VANCE?

VANCE: YES.

Q: WOULD THE WORKING GROUP BE FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE UNITED NATIONS?

VANCE: I WOULD HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE UNITED NATIONS OR IN WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND THEN CONTINUING IF NECESSARY IN NEW YORK AT THE TIME OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

Q (INAUDIBLE): ... THE NUMBER OF UN OBSERVERS IN SOUTH LEBANON?
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SADAT: WELL, WE ARE OF THE VIEW THAT LEBANON SHOULD JOIN US IN THIS PEACE PROCESS BECAUSE LEBANON HAS GOT BORCDERS WITH ISRAEL AND WE FAVOR STATIONING ANY UNITED NATIONS FORCES ON THE BORDERS BETWEEN LEBANNON AND ISRAEL.

Q (UNAUDIBLE): ... YOUR REMARKS THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YOURSELF AND MR. VANCE. CAN YOU ENLIGHTEN US AS TO WHAT THESE DIFFERENCES ARE?

SADAT: WELL, I SHOULD LIKE THAT WE TRY TO EVADE SUCH DECLARATIONS LIKE THIS IN THIS STAGE BECAUSE THERE IS NO USE AT ALL IN STARTING ANY ARGUMENTS WHILE WE ARE STILL WORKING ON THE MAIN ISSUE OF GIVING THE MOMENTUM TO THE PEACE PROCESS.

Q (INAUDIBLE): ... COMMUNICATED TO YOU THE ISRAELI POSITION. DO YOU STILL SEE IT AS A VERY HARD LINE POSITION, OR DO YOU SEE ANY ENCOURAGING ASPECTS?

SADAT: WELL, TO BE BRANK, REALLY THERE ARE, I MEAN THERE ARE SOME POSITIVE ELEMENTS BUT ALSO THERE ARE NEGATIVE ELEMENTS AND WE SHOULD WORK ALL OF US TOWARDS TRYING TO BRING THE WHOLE THING TOGETHER.

Q (INAUDIBLE): ... THAT YOU HAD SOME VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES TO PROPOSE TO THE SECRETARY CONCERNING HOW

TO GET AROUND THE ROADBLOCK, THE OBSTACLE, OF PALESTIN-
IAN PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT SOME
OF THOSE VARIOUS PROPOSALS ARE?

SADAT: WELL, REALLY I'M NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY
ANYTHING ABOUT THIS EXCEPT THAT I RECEIVED THIS AFTER-
NOON -- BEFORE SECRETARY VANCE ARRIVED HERE -- I
RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM YASSER ARAFAT AND THE PALESTIN-
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IAN CONGRESS URGING THAT THEIR REPRESENTATION SHOULD BE
ACCORDING TO THE RABAT CONFERENCE DECISIONS. I DON'T
THINK I CAN SAY ANYTHING NOW BECAUSE AS I TOLD YOU THERE
ARE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION, THERE ARE NEGATIVE ELEMENTS
AND WE SHOULD TRY TO BE DISCREET.

Q (INAUDIBLE): ... THESE MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON OR
NEW YORK THERE WILL BE ANY KIND OF PRESENCE?

VANCE: NOT AT THE OUTSET. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE
WILL OF COURSE BE OPERATING AS CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE
GENEVA CONFERENCE AND OF COURSE THE SOVIET UNION AS
CO-CHAIRMAN WILL BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED AS PRT OF
THIS PROCESS AND WE WILL KEEP THE SECRETARY GENERAL
INFORMED.

Q: MR. VANCE, WOULD OYOU ELABORATE ON THE IDEA
OF THIS WORKING GROUP. YOU PREVIOUSLY SAID YOU WOULD
BE DISCUSSING REMAINING PROBLEMS WITH THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS IN SPTEMBER. BUT SHOULD WE LOOK UPON THIS
WORKING GROUP AS A STRUCTURED KIND OF PRELIMINARY
CONFERENCE WHERE THE VARIOUS FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD
BE IN THE SAME PLACE, THE SAME ROOM TALKING OF PROB-
LEMS OR IS IT A CASE OF PEOPLE CALLING ON YOU
INDIVIDUALLY TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS, AND THEN YOU -- IS
IT A SORT OF PROXIMITY-TALK, IN OTHER WORDS?

VANCE: WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN DOWN TO THE PRECISE FORM
OF WHAT AT THIS POINT. THEY WILL BE HELD IN THE SAME
CITY. ALL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS I HOPE WILL BE
THERE. WE WILL BE TALKING WITH EACH OF THEM. WHETHER OR
NOT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE VARIOUS FOREIGN
MINISTERS MEETING WITH EACH OTHER, IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY.

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Q (INAUDIBLE): ... MR. PRESIDENT, DO YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER SITTING IN THE SAME ROOM WITH THE OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED?

SADAT: WELL, THEY WILL BE SITTING IN GENEVA TOGETHER; WHY SHOULD THEY HAVE ANY OBJECTION? IN GENEVA THEY WILL BE SITTING TOGETHER.

Q (INAUDIBLE): ... PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WILL ACCEPT THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AS IT IS NOW CONSTITUTED?

SADAT: WELL, I THINK WE SHOULD, AS I TOLD YOU, WE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM DISCUSSING THIS PROBLEM NOW IN THIS STAGE. BUT WHAT I SAY IS THIS: THERE IS A FACT, IF WE ARE GOING TO ESTABLISH PACE IN THE AREA HERE WITHOUT SOLVING THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, THERE WILL BE NO PEACE. THIS IS WHAT I CAN SAY ONLY, BUT AS I TOLD YOU, LET US REFRAIN FROM DISCUSSING THE DETAILS AT THIS STAGE.

Q (INAUDIBLE): ... REPRESENTED IN ANY WAY AT THE WORKING GROUP SESSIONS IN NEW YORK OR WHEREVER?

SADAT: WELL, I AM DISCUSSING THIS AS I TOLD YOU
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WITH SECRETARY VANCE. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS BEFORE WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, AND AS I TOLD YOU, I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY THAN WITHOUT THE PALESTINIANS, WE CAN HAVE NO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Q: PRESIDENT SADAT, YOU MENTIONED YASSER ARAFAT'S INSISTENCE ON THE RABAT RESOLUTION. DO YOU DISAGREE WITH THE STATEMENT THAT KING HUSSEIN MADE TO ARNAUD DE BORCHGRAVE IN AN INTERVIEW THAT THE RABAT RESOLUTION TRIED TO SET THE CLOCK BACK AND THE PEOPLE HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED?

SADAT: WELL, IF KING HUSSEIN SAID THIS, REALLY I DON'T AGREE TO IT AT ALL. WE HAVE DECIDED IN RABAT TO GIVE FULL RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PLO AND THE PALESTINIANS, AND THERE IS NO PLACE AGAIN TO DISCUSS THIS OR TO COMMENT.

Q (INAUDIBLE): ... YOU SAID YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION. DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER NEGOTIATING DIRECTLY WITH EACH OTHER?

SADAT: THERE MUST BE A VERY IMPORTANT POINT TO BE CLEAR. I SAID THAT AS MUCH AS THEY WILL BE SITTING THERE IN GENEVA. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, WHEN GENEVA CONVENES, THEY WILL DISCUSS THIS TOGETHER. BUT WHAT I HAVE ALREADY PROPOSED THIS WORKING GROUP. SECRETARY VANCE HAS NOT YET PUT IT IN ACTION EITHER BY DISCUSSING ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED BECAUSE IT IS NOT ME WHO WILL DECIDE THIS BUT THE OTHER PARTIES MUST AGREE TO THIS. THE FORM THAT SECRETARY VANCE WILL START WITH, HE WILL NOTIFY US, AND THEN WE SHALL DECIDE UPON IT.

Q (INAUDIBLE): ... THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE TAKING HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU AS TO WHETHER YOU
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WANTED HIM TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH ISRAEL AND WITH THE OTHER ARAB LEADERS.

SADAT: I FEAR YOU ARE TRYING TO PLANT SOME MIS-UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE IT MAY BE TAKEN AS THERE WILL BE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL: NO, BILATERAL, NO. BUT ALL OF US, WE ARE SEEKING ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN THE AREA SO ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED SHOULD SIT TOGETHER.

Q: I WOULD LIKE A CLARIFICATION ON THAT. ARE YOU REALLY SAYING THAT YOU'RE TRUSTING THE UNITED STATES TO BE THE BROKER IN ARRANGING HOW IT'S GOING TO WORK IN THE WORKING GROUP?

SADAT: RIGHT, RIGHT.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, WILL THE PLO HAVE OBSERVER STATUS AT THIS WORKING GROUP, AND SECONDLY, WILL ALL THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE THE SAME VETO POWER OVER THE PARTICIPANTS AS THEY DO UNDER GENEVA?

VANCE: THE QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION IS ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT REMAINS TO BE RESOLVED. THIS IS A SUBJECT WHICH HAS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES, AND THERE IS NOTHING MORE THAT I CAN SAY ON THAT AT THIS MOMENT.

Q: WHAT ABOUT THE RULE OF EACH COUNTRY, OF EACH PARTICIPANT IN GENEVA HAVING VETO POWER OVER OTHER PARTICIPANTS? WILL THEY HAVE THE SAME RIGHT AS IN THESE WORKING GROUPS? WILL ISRAEL HAVE THE RIGHT AS AT GENEVA TO KEEP OUT THE PLO?
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VANCE: THAT KIND OF DETAIL IS SOMETHING WHICH I
WISH TO DISCUSS WITH THE PARTIES BEFORE I ANSWER.

Q: MR. VANCE, WILL THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER
BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORKING GROUP?

VANCE: I WILL HAVE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH
HIM AND SEE WHAT HIS PLEASURE WOULD BE.

Q (INAUDIBLE): ... MR. PRESIDENT, HOW DO YOU
VIEW THE PROPOSAL THAT THE SOVIET ...

SADAT: WE HAVE NO OBJECTION.

Q: I WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW UP WITH JUST ONE MORE
QUESTION ON THAT. IN YOUR PLAN DO YOU ENVISION THIS
WORKING GROUP TAKING UP THE SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS THAT
YOU'LL HAVE TO FACE IN GENEVA OR IS YOUR IDEA THAT IT
SHOULD BE LIMITED TO PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS TO GET
THERE?

SADAT: I THINK WE HAVE EACH THE POINT THAT WE
SHOULDN'T SIT JUST TO DISCUSS PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS OR
SO. TO BE PRACTICAL AND NOT TO LOSE TIME AND TO ACHIEVE
WHAT WE ARE AFTER, AND THAT'S PEACE. SUBSTANCE SHOULD BE
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Q: (INAUDIBLE): MR. VANCE, IT MEANS THAT FOR
SURE YOU ARE COMING BACK, IF YOU HAVE GOT THIS KIND OF
PROPOSAL FOR SURE YOU HAVE TO REPORT BACK WHAT YOU HAVE
ACHIEVED OR NOT.

VANCE: IF IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DO SO, I CERTAINLY
DON'T EXCLUDE IT.

Q: MR. PRESIDENT, SECRETARY VANCE SAID HE WAS BRINGING SPECIFIC AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR HOW TO GET AROUND THE VARIOUS OBSTACLES STILL BLOCKING A CONFERENCE. NOW THAT YOU'VE HEARD THOSE PROPOSALS, ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE ARAB AND ISRAELI POSITIONS AND LEAD TO A RECONVENING OF A GENEVA CONFERENCE?

SADAT: YES, YES, YES.

Q (INAUDIBLE): ... THE IDEA OF THE NATIONAL PLEBISCITE ON THE WEST BANK, HAS IT BEEN DISCUSSED AND DO YOU SEE ANY HOPE OF THAT HELPING OVER THE WEST BANK ISSUE?

VANCE: YOU'RE GOING INTO DETAIL NOW WHICH I AM NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON. I HAVE SAID MANY TIMES THAT IF WE ARE TO PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN MOVING AMONG THE PARTIES, I AM NOT GOING TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS PUBLICLY. ANY SUCH SUGGESTIONS WHICH MAY BE MADE BY THE PARTIES OR WHICH WE MAY SUGGEST OURSELVES WILL BE KEPT AMONG THE PARTIES. I THINK THAT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN PLAY THE USEFUL ROLE AND THE ACTIVE ROLE WHICH WE HOPE TO PLAY, AND I HAVE MADE THAT COMMITMENT TO THE PARTIES AND INTEND TO ADHERE TO
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Q: CAN YOU TELL US HOW LONG ... (INAUDIBLE) ... A COUPLE OF MEETINGS, OR WILL THIS SORT OF THING CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS?

SADAT: FOR ME OR FOR THE SECRETARY?

Q: ACTUALLY, I ASKED MR. SECRETARY, BUT I THINK IT WAS YOUR IDEA TOO.

VANCE: AS LONG AS IT'S USEFUL TO DO SO.

Q: IS IT YOUR IDEA THAT THIS WORKING GROUP WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD -- DEALING WITH SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES -- WOULD DO SO MUCH WORK THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD SIMPLY RATIFY WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO?

VANCE: I DOUBT THAT IT COULD ACCOMPLISH ALL THAT YOU SUGGEST, BUT I THINK IT COULD LAY A VERY IMPORTANT GROUNDWORK FOR A GENEVA CONFERENCE.

Q (INAUDIBLE).

VANCE: I'M NOT GOING TO TRY TO GO INTO THAT AT THIS POINT.

Q (INAUDIBLE): ... FIVE YEARS AFTER A FULL PEACE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED. AND YET YOU SEEM TO BE THE ONLY ARAB LEADER WHO HAS TAKEN THIS POSITION. WHY ARE YOU THE ONLY LEADER SO FAR, AND IF YOU ARE WILLING TO DO IT IN FIVE YEARS, WHY NOT IMMEDIATELY AFTER A PEACE AGREE-
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SADAT: I FEAR THERE IS A MISUNDERSTANDING. I
DIDN'T SAY I'M WILLING TO RECONGIZE ISRAEL IN FIVE YEARS
I SAID I'M WILLIN TO SIGN A PEACE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL
TOMORROW. THIS MEANS AUTOMATIC RECONITION BECAUSE AS
I HAVE SAID BEFORE, I AM NOT GOING TO SIGN THIS PEACE
AGREEMENT WITH AGHOST, THERE, INSTEAD OF OSRAEL. IT
WILL BE ISRAEL THAT WILL BE SIGNING WITH MESO THE
RECONGINITION AUTMATICALLY AFTER THE SIGNATURE OF THE
PEACE AGREEMENT IS IN BEING, SO I DONT THINK I NEED
TO.....

Q. (INAUDIBLE):... FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS,
TRADE RELATIONS AND ALL OTHER SORTS OF RELATIONS.

SADAT: WELL, WE SHOULDN'T MIX THIS WITH PEACE
BECAUSE THIS IS SOME MISUNDERSTANDING THAT IS PLANTED.
IF WE ARE GOING TO ACHIEVE PEACE, WE ARE READY TO
ACHIEVE PEACE, PERMANENT PEACE, EDNING THE STATE OF
BELIGERANCY, SIGNING PACE AGREEMENT, FULFILLING OUR
OBLIGATIONS IN THE RESOLUTION 242. ISRAEL SHOUDL DO
THE SAME AND WITHDRAW FROM ALL THE LAND OCCUPIED AFTER
'67 AND PALESTINIAN STATE TO BE. WELL, BY THE
SIGNATURE OF THIS AGREEMENT, THIS IS COMPLETE RECONGINITION, THEN
THIS OPEN BORDERS AND ECONOMIC EXCHANGE AND
ALL WHAT ARE PUT UNDER THE TITLE OF THE NATURE OF PEACE
THIS IS IMPOSING CONDITIONS AGAIN. AND THIS IS MATTERS
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Q: MR. PRESIDENT , WHEN WE MET HERE 6 MONTHS AGO WHEN SECRETARY WAS OVER TO SEE YOU THE LAST TIME YOU SUGGESTED THE IDEA OF A LINK TO BE FORMED BETWEEN A PALESTINIAN STATE AND JORDAN BEFORE THE CONVEING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, COULD YOU BRING US UP TO DATE AND TELL US, DO YOU STILL THINK IT'S PRACTICAL IDEA AND HOW THE OTHER LEADERS WHOM YOU'VE SPOKEN TO REACTED TO IT.

SADAT: WELL, I STILL INSIST ON THE FACT THAT A CERTAIN LINK SHOULD BE AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE PALESTINIANS AND JORDAN AND I ALSO INSIST THAT IT SHOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE CONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE. THE PARTIES CONCERNED, I MEAN THE PALESTINIANS, KING HUSSEIN, KNOWS THIS, AND I HAVE DISCUSSED IT WITH THEM. IN PRINCIPLE THEY HAVE AGREED, BUT THE ONLY DIFFERENCE FROM THE SIDE OF THE PALESTINIANS IS THAT THEY PREFER TO HAVE THIS LINK DONE AND DECLARED AFTER THE CREATION OF THE PALESTINIAN STATE. BUT I SHALL BE INSISTING THAT IT SHOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND IN THE WORKING GROUP EGYPT WILL BE AFTER THIS.

Q. (INAUDIBLE).... MISUNDERSTANDING THAT HAD BEEN PLANTED. THIS APPEARS TO ME TO BE A PART OF MR. CARTER'S VISION OF PEACE IN THE AREA, WHAT A FULL SETTLEMENT MEANS ARE YOU REJECTING PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISION FOR A PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

SADAT: (LAUGHS) I AM REJECTING THAT FULL PEACE CANNOT BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT WHAT WE ARE SAYING. THIS IS THE PLANTING OF MISUNDERSTANDING. FULL PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE ENDING OF THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY. FULFILLING THE OBLIGATIONS OF RESOLUTION 242 AND NOT BY IMPOSING CONDITIONS. IF IT IS THE VIEW OF PRESIDENT CARTER OK, BUT THIS IS NOT MY VIEW. BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN AT ALL THAT WE ARE QUARRELING TOGETHER UPON THIS.

Q. (INAUDIBLE).... CONDITIONS SUCH AS PRESIDENT CARTER ENVISAGES WHETHER FIVE YEARS OR FOR NEXT GENERATIONS OR FOR HOW LONG?

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SADAT: WELL, WE SHOULD BE FRANK, WE SHOULDN'T MIX THIS WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN THE AREA. WE ARE AFTER ESTABLISHING PERMANENT PEACE IN THE AREA. TOMORROW. THROUGH THE SIGNATURE OF THE PEACE AGREEMENT. IF THIS IS KNOWN VERY WELL. WHAT YOU ARE SAYING ABOUT ECONOMIC EXCHANGE, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. OPEN BORDERS AND SO. IT SHOULDN'T BE LINKED THAT THIS IS A PART OF THE PEACE. NO. IT HAS NEVER BEEN DONE IN

ANY TREATY BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES THAT HAS BEEN IN WAR
OTOGETHER BUT IT CAN BE DISCUSSED AFTERWARDS.

Q. THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT.

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